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In Appreciation

As we look back upon our 33rd season, we are grateful to so many people who worked hard and creatively to make it wonderful and pleasant, with many new and innovative programs. Our counselors have listened to our problems, made us laugh and helped us in many ways. The sports staff was helpful in refereeing many of our games, and in teaching us many new skills, among them Step Aerobics to keep us in shape. Our waiters made sure we got plenty to eat, extra dessert, and cherry, lemon and watermelon ices. Our music staff inspired us to sing our hearts out. Special kudos to all those who, together with our music department, made our Shabbat zemirot memorable and exciting as they helped enhance the spirit at every seudah.

Our wonderful drama staff brought us joy, music, laughter and serious issues to think about. The productions were enhanced by beautiful sets and lovely costuming. Our waterfront taught many of us life-saving skills to enhance our lives. This season we once again swam to stay fit, thanks to our lap lanes on girls' waterfront. Next season we hope to expand them to boys' waterfront. Our infirmary staff provided us with much care and TLC. Many thanks to the nurses, doctors and infirmary staff for making our stay in the infirmary short and most pleasant. Our appreciation for nature and the great outdoors was enhanced by our chaverim from the nature staff. Our thanks to the maintenance and housekeeping crew for beautifying and maintaining the high standard of cleanliness and beauty in camp.

Thanks to the canteen staff for making our summer sweet; to the Day Camp for allowing us to shep nachas; to our mother's helpers for their care; to the office staff for our news, mail, packages, phone messages, and information with a smile; to the Kollel for learning Torah and for their siyumim; and to Machon for filling in at every level in camp even at the very last minute, and always with a smile.

Thanks to Camp America for their care and help during the season; to our baker, chefs, and kitchen staff for the excellent cuisine we enjoyed this summer causing us all to go on diets before Yom Tov this fall; to our Division Heads who supervised the counseling staff, caring and programming creatively for their divisions. Thanks to our Camp Mothers for their care and concern both in the dining room as well as on campus. Those trips to the hospital, kibbud and many of the supplies we need could not have been possible without the efforts and zeal of our maintenance and driving staff. Thanks to the night guard for our security; to the woodshop and Arts and Crafts staff for beautifying camp and helping us bring home momentos of camp; to the dancing staff for enhancing our spirit and finally, thanks to our educational and library staff for the Torah thoughts and example they have set for us. We enjoyed reading about all these events in the Shalhevet- our weekly news forum.

With Gratitude,

Abie, Saich, Aviva, Zusk, Jeff and Shmud, Ruchie and Mattie, Rabbi Alau, Barbara and Lewis, and Rickie.

Closing Message From

Our Rabbi...

This year's theme at Camp Morasha concentrated around the 3000th anniversary of construction of the first Beit Hamikdash all Jews turned to for their hopes, dreams and aspirations. 'רושלים's destiny for good or bad was one and the same with that of the Jews.

There are so many different images that our holiest city conjures. Among the ones we stressed at camp was that of the verse in Tehillim,

ירושלים הבנויה כעיר"
ירושלים -"שחוברה לה יחדו
has been a unifying factor for
our people for three millenia.

Malbim, in his commentary to "שמואל ב', says that Dovid Hamelech purposely chose ירושלים as the capital of his kingdom because of its proximity to the tribe of Binyamin. Dovid's first capital

was Chevron, in the south of Yehuda's borders. Dovid wanted to unite his kingdom with the previous one, originally led by Shaul, and then by his son, Ish Boshet. From the very start, ירושלים was a unifying force for us and it continues to be so.

On Shabbat Nachamu, I read a poem about Moshiach's arrival that must be taken very seriously. More than anything, Moshiach is waiting for us to unify ourselves. More than anything, Moshiach is waiting for Ahavat Chinam, the exact opposite of what caused our last galut. Let us all start the coming year with the message of the poem in our hearts.

כתיבה וחתימה טובה!

-Rabbi Allen Schwartz

T'was the Night of the Geulah

T'was the night of the geulah and in every shteibel, sounds of Torah could be heard, coming from each and every yeidel.

This one in English, some in Hebrew. some in Yiddish, Some saying Pshat, and some saying a Chiddush.

And up in Shamayim,
The Aibishter decreed,
"The time has now come,
for my children to be freed"

"Rise the Mashiach, from your heavenly berth, and get into your chariot, and head down to Earth."

The Mashiach got dressed, and with heart full of glee, went down to the earth, and entered, the first shteibel he did see.

"I'm the Mashiach, Hashem has heard your plea, your geulah has come, it is time to go free!"

They all stopped their learning, for this was quite a surprise. And they looked at him carefully, with piercing sharp eyes.

"He's not the Mashiach!"
Said one with a grin.
"Just look at his hat,
with those pinches and brim."

"That's right!" cried another with a grimace and a frown, "Who ever heard of Mashiach, with a brim that is down?"

"Well" thought the Mashiach,
"If that is the rule,
I'll turn my brim up,
before going to the next shul."

So he walked right on over, to the next shul in the town.

Confident to be accepted, because his brim was no longer down.

"I'm the Mashiach!" he cried, as he began to enter. But the Jews wanted to know, if he was left, right, or center.

"Your clothes are so black!" they cried out in fright "You can't be Mashiach you're much too far right!"

"If you want to be Mashiach, you must be properly outfitted." So they replaced his black hat, with a kippa that was inited.

Wearing his new Kippa
Mashiach went out and he said,
"No difference to me
what I wear on my head."

So he went to the next shul, for his mission was dear.
But he was getting a bit frustrated, with the Yidden down here.

"I'm the Mashiach", he cried, And they all stopped to stare. And a complete eerie stillness, filled up the air.

"You're the Mashiach?!

Just imagine that.

Whoever heard of Mashiach,
without a Black hat?!"

"But I do have a hat!"
the Mashiach then said.
So he pulled it right out,
and plunked it down on his head.

Then the shul started laughing, and one said "Where's your Kop? You can't have a Mashiach, with a brim that is up!"

"If you want to be Mashiach, and be accepted in this town, put some pinches in that hat, and turn that brim down!"

Mashiach walked out and said,
"I guess my time hasn't come,
I'll just have to return,
to where I came from."

So he went to his chariot, but as he began to enter, all sorts of Jews appeared, from the left, right, and center. "Please wait, do not leave, it's all their fault", they said, and they pointed to each other, and to what was on each other's head.

Mashiach just looked sad, and said "You don't understand." and then he started up his chariot to get out of this land.

"Yes, it's very wonderful, that all of you learn Torah. But you seem to have forgotten, A crucial part of you Mesorah."

"What does he mean? What is he talking about?" And they all look bewildered and began to shout.

Mashiach looked back and answered, "The first place to start, is to close up your mouths, and open up your heart."

"To each of you, certain Yidden, seem too frum or too frei, but all Yidden are beloved, in the Aibishter's eye."

And on his way up he shouted,
"If you want me to come,
try working a little harder,
on some Ahavas Chinam!"

Morashia 196

This past week, Morasha witnessed one of the most successful Morashias ever! As part of the requirements, each team submitted ten Shalhevet articles. What follows is a small sample of those creative literary works.

Ariel- Yellow Team's Article

BY: Ilanot Boys

In the 1920's, just after Englandgained control of Palestine, one of
the first jobs of the new High
Commissioner, Sir Herbert Samuel,
was to meet with some of the head
Rabbeim of Israel. His first visit
was to the Chief Rabbi of
Jerusalem, Rabbi Yosef Chaim
Sonnenfeld, who lived in a small
and very simple basement
apartment. His home was poorly
furnished and it had no electricity.

Rabbi Moshe Blau, the administrator of Agudas Yisrael, was handling the arrangements for the meeting. He approached the great Rabbi and tried to convince him to switch the meeting to a nicer place. Rabbi Yosef Chaim refused. Rav Blau asked him to replace the furniture, and was again refused.

The time for the meeting arrived, and a squad of policemen

accompanied the commisioner. The distinguished guest descended the steps to the home. When he had finally reached the bottom, he half jokingly asked Rav Yosef Chaim, "Couldn't you find a lower apartment?"

The great Rav responded, "Please come to the window, I'd like to show you something." He opened the window, and before them the Kotel was clearly visible in the distance. The courtyard in front of the holy site was overgrown with grass and weeds. Rav Chaim pointed to the heavens and said, "if Hashem can live like that, I can live like this." It is our hope that Mashiach come soon to build the proper home for Hashem to reside in.

Day Camp's Contribution

Yair Ausabel asked his mother, A Yocheved, what she was judging in A Color war. She responded, "the Brachos Bee." Yair then asked, A "whos's judging the Brachos A?"

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ZION-RED TEAM'S ARTICLE BY: JAY GERTELMAN

This year's Red Team is a team that incorporates brains, determination and courage. They are a team that just won't quit. Red's modern personalities are a perfect match for Red's fighting spirit. Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Chaim Herzog and Menachem Begin are the perfect representatives for the Red Team.

Chaim Herzog represents Red's courage. He served in the British army during WWII and became the head of British intelligence in Northern Germany. In Israel's War of Independence, he served as an officer in the battle of Latrun. Then he headed the Israeli Military intelligence, became a military attache in Washington, commanding officer of the Jerusalem district and Chief-of-Staff, Southern Command.

Menachem Begin is symbolic of Red's determination. He was imprisoned by the Polish police for starting a mass demonstration in front of the British Embassy in Warsaw during the Palestine riots. After escaping to Vilna, he was imprisoned by the Soviets and sentenced to eight years of hardlabor. Upon his release, he went to

Palestine where he became commander of the I.Z.L., declared armed warfare upon the mandatory government, and led a determined underground struggle against the British. Begin refused to quit until he got what he wanted.

Rav Shlomo Goren represents all three aspects of the Red team. He was a child prodigy and printed his first work at age 17. The year after that, he proved his courage and determination by joining Haganah and fighting in the Jerusalem area during the War of Independence. After appointed Chief Chaplain of the new army by the two Chief Rabbis. he distinguished himself bravery, qualified as a paratrooper, and became a Brigadier-General. He led his troops during the Sinai Campaign and the Six Day War, and was the first to lead a prayer service at the newly liberated Western Wall

The three modern personalities have many things in common with the Red Team. They have the same brains, the same determination and the same courage as the Red Team. Also, they didn't quit until they got what they wanted and THE REDTEAM WON'T QUIT UNTIL-THEY WIN COLOR WAR!

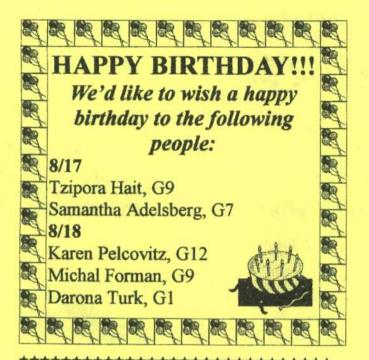
MORIAH-BLUE TEAM'S ARTICLE BY: NILI EPSTEIN

Rav Avrohom Yitzchak Kook, the Zionist father of the religious movement, can be called the man who established the spiritual Israel, that we are now able to call our While all other orthodox home. leaders denounced Zionism because of its strong secular roots, Rav Kook held that the return to Eretz Yisrael marked the אתחלתא דגאולה, the beginning of the divine redemption, and he urged people to help emphasize the spiritual aspects of Zionism.

Rav Avrohom Yitzchak Kook emulated his namesakes, our Avot, Avraham and Yitzchak. He resembled Avraham in that Avraham left his homeland and settled in a strange land. It was an extremely hard task for Avraham to fulfill. He had to leave behind his friends, his family, and his house. Avraham had to deal with a terrible struggle, but he overcame his temptations and did what he knew was right. Rav Kook left his comfortable life in Europe, his prestigious post as the Rabbi of Bavska, Latvia, and his status of being a well-known, respected and learned scholar. He left all that behind to go to a land that was viewed as a wasteland, physically and spiritually. He helped to transform that spiritual wasteland into the land that the Jewish people have dreamed about for thousands of years, the biblical "Promised Land".

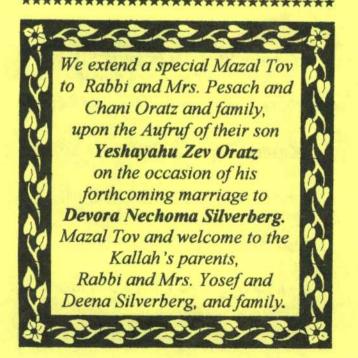
R' Kook resembled Yitzchak in the love he showed for his two sons. He had a Yaacov, the paradigm of a tzaddik, and an who epitomized Eisav. character of a Rasha. Although Eisav's vulgar personality went against every value that Yitzchak lived by, Yitzchak still managed to R' Kook did not love him. denounce Zionism because of its irreligious affiliates. contrary, he approved of it and urged others to join. He loved all Jews because they were his He tried to create a brothers. feeling of unity between all Jews. He stressed that the material building of Israel was as vital as the spiritual building. R' Kook was the living definition of the statement, מעשה אבות סימן לבנים.

Without the spiritual guidance and leadership of R' Kook, there might not be a spiritual Israel today. Let us hope and pray that in his אכות, and the merits of our own efforts, we are אנאולה to see the full גאולה, speedily, and in our days.



Mazal Tov to
Shirley and Shimi Storch
on the birth of their first grandson,
born to their children,
Jody and Ari Storch.

Mazal Tov also to the aunt & uncle,
Yaffa and Elly Storch.

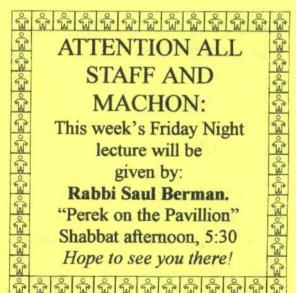


Dear Readers,

As the camp season comes to a close, we'd like to thank the many people who helped make Shalhevet '96 possible. First of all, to Shalva, Ronit, and Amy, thanks for the thousands of copies you have churned out this summer. To Jay Gertelman, every Shalhevet editor deserves a Machonik like you. To Satch and Chavie, thanks for always being there when our computer gave us trouble. To Shirley, thanks for being Yehoshua's surrogate Grandma. To all collaters, thanks for all the hard work. Most of all, thanks to all those who took out the time to contribute articles.

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7amar and Shalom Rosner





What's the first thing you'll do when you get home from camp?

Julie Anijar G4-Watch T.V. in an air conditioned room.

Aliza Katz G5-Take a nice hot shower.

Sara Rudolph G6-Raid the fridge.

Rafi Rosman B7-Teach Yechiel how to do a cartwheel.

Yoni Kirschner and Michael Davidman B4-Eat Real food

Elliot Kollander B7-Jump on the bed.

Tsippi Winkler-Counselor-Go to the Kotel.

<u>Sara Hammerschlag G7-</u>Play with my guinea pig.

Daniel Gober B7-Swim in a pool.

Aliza Dear G11-Eat good food.

Zachary Klein B18-Hug my family.

Dahlia Adler G6-Sleep and eat.

Alufim Boys-We'll miss Indigo Stables.

Dani Eckstein B4-Play on my computer.

Josh Shapiro-Machon-Play backgammon.

Shira Koss G3-Kiss my mother and father.

Johnathan Lauer B4-Play hockey.

Rina Goldberg, Machon couns. - go see my nephew.

Adam Austein B10-Get a haircut.

Izzie Steckler B4-Take a shower.

Aura Goldschmiedt(Assist. Dance) and Zevi Rosenzweig(BWF Ski Instructor)-Go back to camp so we're not separated all year.

Sabrina Hirsch G1-Go to the pizza shop.

Johnathan Liten B18-Unpack.

Ronit F. and Amy R., office Staff- unpack from camp and pack to go to Israel.

Tamara Shachter G6-Drink soda with caffeine.

Benji Gertelman B9-Buy a pair of Rodmans or Pippens.